development of new observing systems such as buoys, Doppler Weather Radars and new generation satellites, these forecasts will improve further.

Establishment of National Institute of Environment, Health and Sciences

†1472. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suggested to establish National Institute of Environment, Health and Sciences and its regional institute all over India, keeping in view the ill effect of air pollution, water pollution and hospital wastes on health; and

(b) if so, the framework of such institutions and the annual expenditure to be incurred on them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up steel and Alumina Plants in Orissa

1473. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether 19 companies have submitted their proposals to set up steel and alumina plants in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the status of all proposals and reactions of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) No prior permission is required for setting up steel and alumina plants barring certain locational restrictions. Entrepreneurs are free to set up these plants based on their commercial judgement. As per the information received from State Govt. of Orissa only 14 companies have submitted their

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.